

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 419**SENATE BILL NO. 2292****By Jackson, Kilby****Substituted for: House Bill No. 2298****By Sherry Jones**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, Chapter 18 and Title 68, relative to services for certain persons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-262, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) Each healthcare facility licensed under this chapter shall be prohibited from requiring an uninsured patient to pay for services in an amount that exceeds one hundred seventy-five percent (175%) of the cost for the services provided (calculated using the cost to charge ratio in the most recent joint annual report).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-262(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(1) "Cost to charge ratio" means the ratio of a specific healthcare facility's total expenses to its grand total gross patient charges as reported in its joint annual report submitted annually to the Department of Health.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

68-11-266. Each healthcare facility licensed under this chapter shall develop a concise statement of its charity care policies for use by members of the public so as to permit individuals to more accurately assess the potential cost for services provided at each institution. Every healthcare facility shall post this statement in a place accessible to the public.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 29, 2007



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 11th day of June 2007



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR